

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: SCHARMÜLLER-3

In re Application of:)
JOSEF SCHARMÜLLER)
Int. Appl. No.: PCT/AT2004/000365)
Int. Filing Date: October 22, 2004)
For: HIGH-LOAD DRAWBAR EYE)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of attention of the Examiner to the references listed on enclosed form PTO-1449 which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/AT2004/000365 and in an Austrian Office Action issued by the Austrian Patent Office with regard to the corresponding Austrian patent application No. A 1793/2003, respectively. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Copies of these references (except US patents) are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

- This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 1.53(d), so that no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is due.
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- The undersigned submits the following statement requesting consideration of this statement:

The undersigned hereby states:

 - That each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement;
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- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report. In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

With respect to French Publication No. FR 816 286, reference is made to Figs. 1 to 3.

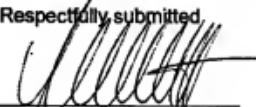
With respect to French Publication No. FR 1 548 623, reference is made to Figs. 1 and 2.

German utility model DE 18 94 999 U describes a trailer coupling having a coupling housing accommodating a slider with thrust bar and tension lever coupled to the thrust bar and jutting out from the housing. Disposed on the housing is a retention bracket for movable support of the tension lever, when the trailer is engaged.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art. Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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